

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 80-19

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at request of County Executive

Legislative Day No. 80-8 Date March 18, 1980

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9-4, heading, Property Maintenance Control, of Article I, heading, In General, of Chapter 9, heading, Environmental Controls, all of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide that the growth of weeds or grass shall no longer be a subject of environmental controls; to clarify certain provisions relating to unrepairable structures; and generally relating to property maintenance and control in Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, March 18, 1980

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: April 15, 1980

at: 6:00 p.m.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 15, 1980 and concluded on April 15, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland,* that Section 9-4, heading, Property Maintenance Control,
3 of Article I, heading, In General, of Chapter 9, heading,
4 Environmental Controls, of the Harford County Code, as amended,
5 be, and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all
6 to read as follows:

7 Chapter 9. Environmental Controls.

8 Article I. In General.

9 Section 9-4. Property Maintenance and Control.

10 (a) Improved and unimproved lots or land parcels. The
11 owner of any improved or unimproved lot or parcel of land shall
12 be responsible for the removal of any menace to public health,
13 welfare or safety arising from [the growth of weeds or grass,]
14 the accumulation of garbage, trash or refuse or the presence of
15 stagnant water or waste or of any combustible material.

16 [(b) Improved lots. It shall be the responsibility
17 of the owner of any improved lot located in any community to
18 maintain such area or lot commensurate with the standards of that
19 community.]

20 [(c)] (b) Land clearing debris. All excess land
21 clearing debris generated during the preparation of lots or
22 parcels of land for the erection of structures or road building
23 shall be removed from such property by the prime builder,
24 contractor or developer. In those areas where this material
25 cannot be disposed of by open burning, all residual waste
26 generated shall be transported to and disposed of in the county
27 operated landfills. In no instance will these materials be
28 disposed of in an area where they would constitute a menace to
29 any water source or supply.

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1 [(d)] (c) Abandoned houses. It shall be the
2 responsibility of any property owner to remove any uninhabited
3 structure from his property when such structure has been
4 declared by the department of health to be a menace to the health,
5 safety and welfare of the community.

6 [(e)] (d) Unrepairable structures. Any structure may
7 be declared unrepairable when such structure has been declared by
8 the county department of health to be a menace to the health,
9 safety and general welfare of the community. [In the event that
10 the property owner is required to have such structure removed and
11 disposed of in accordance with standards of solid waste disposal
12 procedures, the county department of licenses, inspections and
13 permits shall confer with the property owner concerning the
14 disposal or other reasonable disposition of the structure.]

15 Any structure that is considered to be unrepairable will
16 be inspected jointly by a representative of the health department
17 and the department of inspections, licenses and permits. For the
18 purposes of this subsection, any structure that is found to be a
19 menace to the health, safety and general welfare of the community
20 shall be deemed "unrepairable." A copy of the report from the
21 department of inspections, licenses and permits shall be an
22 integral part of the data maintained by the health department.
23 In the event that the property owner shall be required to have
24 such structure removed and disposed of in accordance with solid
25 waste disposal procedures, the owner of such structure shall
26 confer with the department of health and the department of public
27 works [(landfill division)] SOLID WASTE DIVISION on the disposi-
28 tion and specification of disposal procedures.

29 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that this Act shall take
30 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

31 EFFECTIVE: July 21, 1980 ~~The Secretary of the Council does hereby~~
32 ~~certify that fifteen (15) copies of this bill~~
~~are immediately available for distribution to~~
~~the public and the press.~~

Angela Maslowski
Secretary

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 80-14 (May 20, 1980) xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
 for his approval this 21st day of May 1980
 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

William J. Branger
 County Executive
 Date May 21, 1980

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned
 to the Council, becomes law on May 21, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Rec'd & Recorded Aug. 26 1980 at 10:20 A.M.
 H.D.C. Liber 5 Folio 788 & examined per
 H. Douglas Chilcoat, Clerk, Harford Co.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 1980